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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 19, 2000

APPLICATION OF

MOUNTAINET TELEPHONE COMPANY

CASE NO. PUC000135

For a certificate of public  
convenience and necessity  
to provide local exchange  
telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On May 15, 2000, MountaiNet Telephone Company ("MountaiNet" or "Applicant") completed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") requesting authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. MountaiNet later amended its Application to request authority only in the counties of Lee, Wise, Dickenson, Russell, Smyth, and that portion of Scott County that is being served by United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. ("Sprint").

By Order dated June 20, 2000, the Commission directed the Applicant to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a Staff Report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to MountaiNet's application. On September 22,

2000, Staff filed its report finding that MountaiNet's application was in compliance with the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules"), as codified in 20 VAC 5-400-180.

A hearing was conducted on October 10, 2000. At the hearing, the amended application and accompanying attachments and the Staff Report were entered into the record without objection. MountaiNet's proof of service and publication of notice were also admitted into the record. No Comments, Notices of Protest, Protests, or Testimony were filed, and no person appeared to testify on behalf of the public.

Having considered the application and the Staff Report, the Commission finds that MountaiNet should be granted a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the counties of Lee, Wise, Dickenson, Russell, Smyth, and that portion of Scott County that is presently served by Sprint, all in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) MountaiNet Telephone Company hereby is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-510, to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the counties of Lee, Wise, Dickenson, Russell, Smyth, and that portion of Scott County that is presently served by Sprint, subject to the restrictions set forth in the Rules Governing the

Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Service, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) MountaiNet shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers herein placed in the file for ended causes.